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1227. The Hill Station continued to be a popular health and summer resort in the State. As a beauty spot it attracted large number of tourists. Several batches of students of schools and colleges also visited the Station for plant collection and botanical study. The visitors were provided with all the facilities and comforts.

Hill Stations,
Nandi Hill
Station.

1228. The supervision in the maintenance of buildings was taken over by the department on 1st February 1955 from the management of Iron Works, Bhadravathi.

Sri Krishnara-
jendra Hill
Station,
Kemman-
gundi.

(vi) Stores Purchase Committee

1229. The total value of orders placed (including the approximate value of annual rate contracts) with firms in India during the year amounted to about Rs. 2,65,43,593 as against Rs. 2,28,63,263 in the previous year. The total value of orders placed with firms in Foreign Countries amounted to Rs. 54,96,336 as against Rs. 29,32,494 in the previous year. The total value of all purchases arranged by the Stores Purchase Committee both from firms in India and in Foreign countries during the year amounted to Rs. 3,20,39,929 as against Rs. 2,57,95,757 in the previous year. The fluctuation in prices of almost all materials continued as in the previous years. The number of ex-stock offers was small. The tendency towards enhancement of prices and delays in delivery continued and the prices quoted by Foreign Firms were not firm and were always subject to variation based on the cost of material and labour at the time of actual despatch. Most of the requirements of Government Departments were met by or through indigenous firms.

1230. The staff of the Department of Industries and Commerce, Mysore, inspected the articles of local manufacturers such as furniture, leather articles and iron safes, etc., required by the Government Departments.

1231. The expenditure on the establishment, salaries, advertisement and contingencies, etc., amounted to Rs. 69.412. The incidence of cost on the basis of the total value of all purchases arranged by the Stores Purchase Committee during the year worked out to 0.21 per cent as against 0.18 per cent during the previous year. The total expenditure including the contribution of

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Rs. 4,000 paid to the Mysore Trade Agent's Office in London, amounted to Rs. 73,412 and the incidence of cost worked out to 0.22 per cent as against 0.19 per cent during the previous year.

1232. The sale proceeds of the Tender Forms during the year amounted to Rs. 47,170 as against Rs. 29,862 during the previous year.

1233. Messrs. Best & Co., Ltd., Madras, continued to be the clearing and forwarding agents and the services rendered by them during the year were satisfactory. The total tonnage of consignments imported and exported by the agents during the year was 4,768½. The total expenditure incurred including customs duty, landing charges, harbour dues, commission paid to the Clearing Agents for the services rendered and other incidental charges for the transport of consignments to respective destinations amounted to Rs. 15,87,243 (Rs. 17,02,848). Refund of excess customs duty, transit dues, etc., recovered from the Customs Authorities was Rs. 3,58,337 (Rs. 2,52,428).

1234. After ascertaining their financial stability and business capacity, 376 firms were included in the list of approved suppliers for a period of one year as against 385 during the previous year. The number of firms registered (for a period of five years) during the year was 111 as against 185 during the previous year. The registration fee realised was Rs. 5,980.

(vii) Public Service Commission

1235. The number and percentage of appointments held by Backward Classes Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Advanced Class in the Gazetted and the non-Gazetted Services of the State as on 1st April 1954 were as follows :—

	Gazetted Service		Non-Gazetted Service	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Backward Classes ...	1,075	62.1	33,447	64.6
Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. ...	40	2.3	3,097	5.9
Advanced Class ...	616	35.6	15,304	29.5
Total ...	1,731	100.00	51,848	100.00